

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

GUNJI et al.

Application No.: **09/926,299**

Filing Date: October 9, 2001

For: L-AMINO ACID PRODUCING
BACTERIUM AND METHOD FOR
PRODUCING L-AMINO ACID

Art Unit: 1656

Examiner: David J. Steadman

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Confirmation No.: 4922

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) UNDER 37 CFR §1.114

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Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

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Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 of the above-identified application. The following are submitted:

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. 1.114:
 - a. ☒ Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.
 - i. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on
 - ii. ☒ Other: Amendment and Response Under 37 C.F.R. 1.116 filed December 15, 2005
 - b. ☐ Enclosed
 - i. ☐ Amendment/Reply
 - ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
 - iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement
 - iv. ☐ Other
2. Miscellaneous
 - a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Periods of suspension shall not exceed 3 months. Fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(i) required).
 - b. ☐ Other
3. Fees – The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. 1.114 when the RCE is filed.
 - a. ☐ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. _____
 - i. ☐ The RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e)
 - ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. 1.136 and 1.17)
 - iii. ☐ Other

- b. ☐ Check in the amount of \$ enclosed
c. ☒ Payment by credit card via EFS-Web processing

Respectfully submitted,

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